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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Dear Commissioner:

Prior to examination of this application, please enter these preliminary amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for promoting growth of an adult human central nervous system neuron damaged by a spinal injury and subject to growth inhibition by an endogenous neural cell growth repulsion factor, the method comprising the steps of locally administering to an adult human patient in need thereof at an axon of the neuron a therapeutically effective amount of an activator of a cyclic nucleotide dependent protein kinase, whereby growth of the axon is promoted; and detecting a resultant growth promotion of the axon.

REMARKS

*Amendments*

Claim 1 is amended to recite an adult target: our invention overcomes endogenous repulsion present in the adult human CNS (see p.1, lines 18-19), and our experimental exemplification is demonstrated with adult hosts and tissues (e.g. p.6, line 28-29). These